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1. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT RELEASED BY U.S. CONGRESS LAST WEEK CONTINUES TO PROVOKE COMMENT IN INDONESIA. FONMIN ADAM MALIK MADE ADDITIONAL STATEMENT JANUARY 6 THAT INDONESIA NEED NOT PAY ANY HEED TO REPORT THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA HAVE BEEN VIOLATED. HE SAID INDONESIA HAD ITS OWN CRITERIA ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONDITIONS IN U.S. WERE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE PREVAILING HERE, BUT HE ADDED THAT REPORT WOULD NOT MAR EXISTING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN INDONESIA AND U.S.

2. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. RUSMIN NURYADIN ALSO TALKED TO PRESS HERE, STATING THAT STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ACTIVITIES OF MRS. CARMEL BUDIARDJO WHO IS CONDUCTING ANTI-INDONESIAN CAMPAIGNSS ABROAD. RUSMIN SAID CARMEL BUDIARDJO'S ACTIVITIES HAVE NO INFLUENCE IN U.S. ALTHOUGH SHE WAS ONCE HEARD BY CONGRESS. HE SAID SHE DID NOT PROVIDE FACTS TO SUPPORT HER ACCUSATIONS AND THEREFORE WON NO SYMPATHIZERS IN HER EFFORTS TO SUPPORT COMMUNIST DETAINEES IN INDONESIA. RUSMIN WAS
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QUOTED AS "ADMITTING THAT MRS. BUDIARDJO WAS NOW IN THE U.S.Z COMMENT: RUSMIN, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN MISQUOTED AS REGARDS CARMEL BUDIARDJO'S WHEREABOUTS, WAS APPARENTLY REPLYING TO HOSTILE QUESTIONING REGARDING HER ROLE. RESPONSIBLE PRESS SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT REACTON TO U.S. INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA HAS BEEN STRONG BECAUSE OF CONSIDEREABLE RESENTMENT AGAINST FACT THAT CONGRESS GAVE CARMEL BUDIARDJO FORUM FOR

PUBLIC CHARGES AGAINST INDONESIA.

3. ATTORNEY GENERAL ALI SAID TOLD LIONS CLUB JANUARY 5 THAT IT MUST BE ADMITTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME ABUSE OF AUTHORITY WITH REGARD TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDONESIA SINCE OFFICIALS ARE JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE. HE NOTED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN WESTERN LEGAL SYSTEMS BASED ON PROTECTING RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS AND INDONESIAN SYSTEM BASED ON CONSTITUTION AND PANCASILA WHICH EMPHASIZES PROTECTION OF SOCIETY AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL THROUGH "SOCIALIST LEGALITY." ALI SAID POINTED OUT THAT VIEWS OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND GOI WERE SO FAR APART THERE WAS NO POINT EVEN LISTENING TO AI. HE SAID AI HAD DISTRIBUTED PHOTOS OF DETAINEES TAKEN IN 1969 WHICH WERE NOW OUT OF DATE, AND CONTRASTED THEIR REPORTS WITH THOSE OF ICRC ON BURU DETAINEES. ACCORDING TO ALI SAID, GOI WAS WILLING TO LISTEN TO FOREIGN AMBASSADORS WHO CONVEY MEMOS OR EVEN APPEALS FROM AI, BUT DIRECT CONTACT WITH AI WAS NOT POSSIBLE. HE CONCLUDED BY SUMMARIZING ORDINARY CRIMINAL COURT PROCEDURES IN INDONESIA FOR HIS AUDIENCE, POINTING OUT THAT GUILT MUST BE PROVEN THROUGH LEGAL PROCESSES, BUT DID NOT REFER TO SUBVERSION CASES OR G30S/PKI DETAINEES.

4. H.C. PRINCEN, AS CHAIRMAN OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION SOCIETY, IN INDONESIA SENT PROTEST OF MALIK'S JANUARY 5 COMMENTS TO KOMPAS WHICH WAS PRINTED JANUARY 7. PRINCEN SAID MALIK WAS TOO HASTY IN DENYING CHARGES OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. HE SAID EXCUSE THAT LONG DETENTIONS WERE LEGAL HERE WAS NOT VALID, SINCE SUCH A LAW IS ITSELF A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE ADDED THAT THE EXISTENCE OF A LAW IS NO GUARANTEE THAT RIGHTS WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT BE VIOLATED. PRINCEN ALSO REJECTED MALIK'S COMMENT THAT MATTER WAS INTERNAL LEGAL AFFAIR, SINCE GOI HAD SIGNED UNITED NATIONS' DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ALL U.N. MEMBERS WERE SUPPOSED TO OBSERVE IT. (PRINCEN WAS DETAINED 2 YEARS FOLLOWING 1974 MALARI RIOTS. THIS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE IS FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT BY HIM OR HIS SOCIETY SINCE HIS RELEASE.)
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